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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

A telephone interview with Examiner Yigdall was conducted on December 13, 2004. The interview was very much appreciated. During the interview, independent claims 1, 15, 18 and 24, and the Davis reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,279,154) and Foster references (U.S. Patent No. 6,675,382) were discussed. The principal argument presented was that the art of record fails to teach or suggest, either alone or in combination, a vendor package template and a package importer to create a package based on the vendor package template, or importing vendor-specific software using a vendor package template to create an X-package having a script. With respect to Davis, agreement was reached that Figure 3 of Davis is directed to a software installation process in which components of a software package

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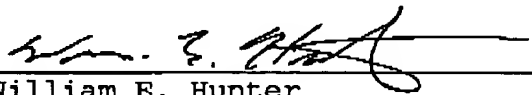
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are loaded during the installation process; Davis does not describe importation of entire software packages into a software package management system, where the packages can be managed for later distribution and installation.

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